

# Scattering in a Euclidean formulation of relativistic quantum mechanics

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## Motivation and Observations

- Constructing relativistic quantum mechanical models satisfying cluster properties is complicated.
- Locality is logically independent of the rest of the axioms of Euclidean field theory → Euclidean formulation of relativistic quantum theory satisfying cluster properties.
- Reconstruction theorem: The physical Hilbert space and a unitary representation of the Poincaré group can be directly formulated in the Euclidean representation. Analytic continuation is not necessary.
- Given these elements it should be possible to formulate a relativistic treatment of scattering in a Euclidean representation using standard quantum mechanical methods.

## **Elements of relativistic quantum mechanics**

$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle$       **Hilbert space**

$U(\Lambda, a) \leftrightarrow \{P^\mu, J^{\mu\nu}\}$       **Relativity**

$P^0 = H$       **Dynamics**

$P^0 = H \geq 0$       **Spectral condition**       $\rightarrow$       **stability**

$[U(\Lambda, a) - \otimes U_i(\Lambda, a)]|\psi\rangle \rightarrow 0$        $(x_i - x_j)^2 \rightarrow \infty$

**Cluster properties: scattering asymptotic conditions**

## Osterwalder-Schrader (Euclidean) reconstruction

**Input:**  $\{G_{E_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$

### Relevant properties

- Euclidean covariant (invariant)
- Cluster property
- Reflection positivity

## Construction of the physical Hilbert space: $\mathcal{H}_M$

### Vectors (dense set)

$$\psi(x) := (\psi_1(x_{11}), \psi_2(x_{21}, x_{22}), \dots)$$

$$\psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}) = 0 \quad \text{unless} \quad 0 < x_{n1}^0 < x_{n2}^0 < \dots < x_{nn}^0.$$

$$\theta x := \theta(\tau, x) = (-\tau, x) \quad \text{Euclidean time reflection}$$

### Physical Hilbert space inner product

$$\langle \psi | \phi \rangle_M = (\theta \psi, G_E \phi)_E = \sum_{kn} \int d^{4k}x d^{4n}y \psi_n^*(\theta x_{n1}, \theta x_{n2}, \dots, \theta x_{nn}) \times \\ G_{E,n+k}(x_{nn}, \dots, x_{1n}; y_{1k}, \dots, y_{kk}) \phi_k(y_{k1}, y_{k2}, \dots, y_{kk})$$

All variables are Euclidean - no analytic continuation.

## **Reflection positivity - property of $\{G_{E_n}\}$**

$$\langle \psi | \psi \rangle_M = (\psi, \Pi_{+>} \Theta G_E \Pi_{+>} \psi)_E \geq 0$$



**Gives the physical Hilbert space and spectral condition.**

## Illustration

**Two-point Green function: Euclidean  $\rightarrow$  Minkowski**

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \phi | \psi \rangle_M &= \int \phi^*(-\tau_x, \mathbf{x}) \frac{d^4 p \rho(m) dm}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ip \cdot (x-y)}}{p^2 + m^2} \psi(\tau_y, \mathbf{y}) d^4 x d^4 y \\ &= \int \xi_m^*(\mathbf{p}) \frac{d\mathbf{p} \rho(m) dm}{2e_m(\mathbf{p})} \chi_m(\mathbf{p})\end{aligned}$$

**Euclidean wave function  $\rightarrow$  Minkowski wave function**

$$\chi_m(\mathbf{p}) := \int \frac{d^4 y}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{-e_m(\mathbf{p})\tau_y - i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{y}} \psi(\tau_y, \mathbf{y})$$

$$\xi_m(\mathbf{p}) := \int \frac{d^4 x}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} e^{-e_m(\mathbf{p})\tau_x - i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \phi(\tau_x, \mathbf{x})$$

$$m^2 \psi(\tau_x, \mathbf{x}) = \nabla_4^2 \psi(\tau_x, \mathbf{x})$$

**Euclidean invariance** → **Poincaré invariance**

**Relativity and**  $SL(2, \mathbb{C}) \times SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

$$X_m := \begin{pmatrix} t+z & x-iy \\ x+iy & t-z \end{pmatrix} \quad X_e := \begin{pmatrix} i\tau+z & x-iy \\ x+iy & i\tau-z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(X_M) = t^2 - x^2 \quad \det(X_E) = -(\tau^2 + x^2)$$

$$X \rightarrow X' = AXB^t \quad \det(A) = \det(B) = 1$$

**Preserves both**  $t^2 - x^2$  **and**  $\tau^2 + x^2$

**Complex Lorentz group** = **complex orthogonal group**

**Real orthogonal group** = **subgroup of complex Lorentz group**

**Real Lorentz**  $(A, B) = (A, A^*)$ ,  $A \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$ ;

**Real orthogonal**  $(A, B) \in SU(2) \times SU(2)$

## Relation between Euclidean and Poincaré generators

- Euclidean time translations → contractive Hermitian semigroup on  $\mathcal{H}_M$ :

$$H_E = P_E^0 = -iH_M = -iP_M^0$$

- Euclidean space-time rotations → local symmetric semigroup on  $\mathcal{H}_M$ :

$$J_E^{0j} = iJ_M^{0j} = iK^j$$

- Euclidean space rotations → unitary one parameter groups on  $\mathcal{H}_M$ :

$$J_E^{ij} = J_M^{ij}$$

- Euclidean space translations → unitary one parameter groups on  $\mathcal{H}_m$ :

$$P_E^i = P_M^i$$

$\{P_M^\mu, J_M^{\mu\nu}\} = 10$  self-adjoint generators satisfying the Poincaré commutation relations on  $\mathcal{H}_M$

## Spinless case

$$H\psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{nk}^0} \psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn})$$

$$\mathbf{P}\psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}) = -i \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{nk}} \psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn})$$

$$\mathbf{J}\psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}) = -i \sum_{k=1}^n \mathbf{x}_{nk} \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{nk}} \psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn})$$

$$\mathbf{K}\psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}) = \sum_{k=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_{nk} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{nk}^0} - x_{nk}^0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{x}_{nk}}) \psi_n(x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots, x_{nn}).$$

All integration variables are Euclidean; Minkowski time is a parameter .

## **Cluster properties**

$$G_{E,n+m} \rightarrow G_{E,n} G_{E,m}$$



**Generators become additive in asymptotically separated subsystems**

**Used to formulate scattering asymptotic conditions.**

## Multichannel scattering theory

$$\text{Scattering probability} = |S_{fi}|^2 = |\langle \psi_+ | \psi_- \rangle|^2$$

$$|\psi_{\pm}\rangle = \Omega_{\pm} |\psi_{0\pm}\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_{\pm} |\psi_{0\pm}\rangle &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \sum e^{iHt} \underbrace{\prod_n |\phi_n, \mathbf{p}_n, \mu_n\rangle}_{J} \underbrace{e^{-ie_n t}}_{e^{-iH_0 t}} \underbrace{f_n(\mathbf{p}_n, \mu_n)}_{|\psi_{0\pm}\rangle} d\mathbf{p}_n \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{iHt} J e^{-iH_0 t} |\psi_{0\pm}\rangle\end{aligned}$$

**Elements:** Cluster properties, subsystem bound states:  $|\phi_n\rangle$ ,  
wave packets:  $f_n$ , dynamics:  $H$ , strong limits.

## Field theoretic implementation: Haag-Ruelle scattering

(Minkowski case)

$\Phi(x) = \text{interpolating field}$

$$\tilde{\Phi}(p) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{-ip \cdot x} \Phi(x) d^4x$$

$$\tilde{\Phi}_m(p) = h(p^2) \tilde{\Phi}(p), \quad h(-m^2) = 1, \quad h(p^2) = 0, \quad -p^2 \notin (m^2 - \epsilon, m^2 + \epsilon)$$

$$\Phi_m(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int e^{ip \cdot x} \tilde{\Phi}_m(p) d^4p$$

$$f_m(x) = \frac{i}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \int e^{-i\sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2+m^2}t+i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \tilde{f}(\mathbf{p}) d\mathbf{p}$$

$$a_m^\dagger(f_m, t) = -i \int d\mathbf{x} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi_m(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial t} f_m(t, \mathbf{x}) - \Phi_m(t, \mathbf{x}) \frac{\partial f_m(t, \mathbf{x})}{\partial t} \right)$$

$$\Omega_\pm |\psi_{0\pm}\rangle = s - \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \Pi_i a_{m_i}^\dagger(f_{m_i}, t) |0\rangle$$

## Euclidean formulation of HR scattering - technical issues

- ( $M^2 = \nabla^2$ ) **One-body solutions must satisfy the time support condition:**

$$\text{support}(h(\nabla^2)\langle x|\psi\rangle) = \text{support}(\langle x|\psi\rangle)$$

- **Products of one-body solutions must satisfy the relative time support condition ( $n = 2$ , no spin) .**

$$J : \langle x_1|\phi_1, \mathbf{p}_1\rangle\langle x_2|\phi_2, \mathbf{p}_2\rangle =$$

$$h_1(\nabla_1^2)\delta(x_1^0 - \tau_1) h_2(\nabla_2^2)\delta(x_2^0 - \tau_2) \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_1 + i\mathbf{p}_2 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2}$$

$$\tau_2 > \tau_1$$

- Delta functions in Euclidean time  $\times f(x)$  are square integrable in  $\mathcal{H}_M$ !
- A sufficient condition for  $h_i(\nabla^2)$  to preserve the support condition is for polynomials in  $\nabla^2$  to be complete with respect to the inner product on  $\mathcal{H}_M$

$$h_i(\nabla^2) \approx P(\nabla^2)$$

- The  $J$  defined on the previous slide can be used to satisfy the time-support conditions.

**Completeness of  $P_n(\nabla^2)$  sufficient to construct  $h(m^2)$  without violating positive Euclidean time-support condition.**

**Proving completeness - Stieltjes moment problem  
 $G_{E2}$  moments**

$$\gamma_n := \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}\tau}}{2\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{p}^2}} \rho(m) m^{2n} dm$$

**where**  $\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2 > 0$ .

**Carleman's condition**

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\gamma_n|^{-\frac{1}{2n}} > \infty$$

**Satisfied for  $\rho(m^2)$  a tempered distribution  $\Rightarrow P(\nabla^2)$  complete.**

$$|\gamma_n|^{-\frac{1}{2n}} \sim \frac{1}{n+c}$$

## Existence - sufficient condition (Cook)

$$\int_a^{\infty} \| (HJ - JH_0) U_0(\pm t) |\psi_0\rangle \|_M dt < \infty$$

$$\| (HJ - JH_0) \Phi U_0(\pm t) |\psi_0\rangle \|_M^2 =$$

$$(\psi_0 U_0(\mp t) (J^\dagger H - H_0 J^\dagger) \theta G_E (HJ - JH_0) U_0(\pm t) |\psi_0\rangle)_E$$

The effect of using one-body solutions for 2-2 scattering is that the contribution from the disconnected part of  $G_E$  to the above is zero. This fails for LSZ scattering.

The connected part is expected to behave like  $ct^{-3}$  for large  $t$ , satisfying the Cook condition.

## Computational tricks for scattering Invariance principle:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{iHt} J e^{-iH_0 t} |\psi\rangle = \lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{if(H)t} J e^{-if(H_0)t} |\psi\rangle$$

$$f(x) = -e^{-\beta x}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{iHt} J e^{-iH_0 t} |\psi\rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e^{\mp i n e^{-\beta H}} J e^{i \pm n e^{-\beta H_0}} |\psi\rangle$$

$$\sigma(e^{-\beta H}) \in [0, 1] \rightarrow$$

$$|e^{inx} - P(x)| < \epsilon \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

$$\|\|e^{ine^{-\beta H}} - P(e^{-\beta H})\|\| < \epsilon$$

**Matrix elements of  $e^{-n\beta H}$  are easy to calculate:**  
 $\langle \tau, \mathbf{x} | e^{-n\beta H} | \psi \rangle = \langle \tau - n\beta, \mathbf{x} | \psi \rangle$

## Model tests (of computational methods)

$$H = k^2/m - \lambda|g\rangle\langle g|$$

$$(M^2 = 4k^2 + 4m^2 - 4m\lambda|g\rangle\langle g|)$$

$$\langle k|g\rangle = \frac{1}{k^2 + m_\pi^2}$$

**Attractive - one pion exchange range, bound state with deuteron mass.**

$$e^{-2ine^{-\beta H}} \approx P(e^{-\beta H})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{k}_f | T(E + i0) | \mathbf{k}_i \rangle &\approx \\ \frac{\langle \psi_f | (I - e^{-ine^{-\beta M_0}} P(e^{-\beta H}) e^{-ine^{-\beta H_0}}) | \psi_i \rangle}{2\pi i \langle \psi_f | \delta(E - H_0) | \psi_i \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

- Choose sufficiently narrow initial and final wave packets.
- Choose sufficiently large  $n$ .
- Replace  $e^{2ine^{-\beta H}}$  by a polynomial approximation.
- Calculations formally independent of  $\beta$ , adjust  $\beta$  for faster convergence.
- Model allows independent tests of each approximation.
- Approximations must be done in the proper order.

## Results

- Converges to exact sharp momentum transition matrix elements.
- Tests converge for .050 – 2 GeV.
- Biggest source of error is the wave packet width.

## Convergence with respect to wave packet width

Table 1

$k_0$ [GeV]	$k_w$ [GeV]	% error	$k_w/k_0$
0.1	0.00308607	0.1	0.030
0.3	0.009759	0.1	0.032
0.5	0.0182574	0.1	0.036
0.7	0.0272166	0.1	0.038
0.9	0.0365148	0.1	0.040
1.1	0.0458831	0.1	0.041
1.3	0.0550482	0.1	0.042
1.5	0.0632456	0.1	0.042
1.7	0.0725476	0.1	0.042
1.9	0.0816497	0.1	0.042

## Convergence with respect time “ $n$ ”

**Table 2:**  $k_0 = 2.0[\text{GeV}]$ ,  $k_w = .09[\text{GeV}]$

$n$	$\text{Re } \langle \phi   (S_n - I)   \phi \rangle$	$\text{Im } \langle \phi   (S_n - I)   \phi \rangle$
50	-2.60094316473225e-6	1.94120750171791e-3
100	-2.82916859895010e-6	2.35553585404449e-3
150	-2.83171624670953e-6	2.37471383801820e-3
200	-2.83165946257657e-6	2.37492460997990e-3
250	-2.83165905312632e-6	2.37492527186858e-3
300	-2.83165905257121e-6	2.37492527262432e-3
350	-2.83165905190508e-6	2.37492527262493e-3
400	-2.83165905234917e-6	2.37492527262540e-3
ex	-2.83165905227843e-6	2.37492527259701e-3

**Table 3: Parameter choices**

$k_0$ [GeV]	$\beta$ [GeV $^{-1}$ ]	$k_0 \times \beta$	$n$
0.1	40.0	4.0	450
0.3	5.0	1.5	330
0.5	3.0	1.5	205
0.7	1.6	1.2	200
0.9	1.05	.945	190
1.1	0.95	1.045	200
1.3	0.85	1.105	200
1.5	0.63	0.945	200
1.7	0.5	0.85	200
1.9	0.42	0.798	200

**Table 4: Convergence with respect to Polynomial degree  $e^{inx}$**

x	n	deg	poly error %
0.1	200	200	3.276e+00
0.1	200	250	1.925e-11
0.1	200	300	4.903e-13
0.1	630	630	2.069e+00
0.1	630	680	5.015e-08
0.1	630	700	7.456e-11
0.5	200	200	1.627e-13
0.5	200	250	3.266e-13
0.5	630	580	1.430e-14
0.5	630	680	9.330e-13
0.9	200	200	3.276e+00
0.9	200	250	1.950e-11
0.9	200	300	9.828e-13
0.9	630	630	2.069e+00
0.9	630	680	5.015e-08
0.9	630	700	7.230e-11

**Table 5: Final calculation**

$k_0$	Real T	Im T	% error
0.1	-2.30337e-1	-4.09325e-1	0.0956
0.3	-3.46973e-2	-6.97209e-3	0.0966
0.5	-6.44255e-3	-3.86459e-4	0.0986
0.7	-1.88847e-3	-4.63489e-5	0.0977
0.9	-7.28609e-4	-8.86653e-6	0.0982
1.1	-3.35731e-4	-2.30067e-6	0.0987
1.3	-1.74947e-4	-7.38285e-7	0.0985
1.5	-9.97346e-5	-2.76849e-7	0.0956
1.7	-6.08794e-5	-1.16909e-7	0.0964
1.9	-3.92110e-5	-5.42037e-8	0.0967

## Unfinished business/things to consider

**Structure theorem for reflection-positive  
Euclidean-invariant  $n > 2$  point functions.**

**General form of Bethe-Salpeter kernels that lead to  
reflection positive four-point functions?**

**Formulate N-body scattering based on two-body  
Bethe-Salpeter kernels?**

**Numerical test of the polynomial approximation to the  
Haag-Ruelle function  $h(m^2)$  for a two-point function with  
a non-trivial Lehmann weight.**

**Scattering calculation based on a realistic four-point  
function.**